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THE NOTE ON THE COVER of this issue is the Drummer Boy 5¢ note for the City of Saginaw, issued during the Civil War. George L. Burrows had a banking and exchange office on Water Street, established in 1862. This became "& Co." in 1869, on Court St, Burrows and Frederick H. Potter, bankers, closed 1915.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The 1983 Spring PMCM General Meeting was held at the Michigan State Numismatic Society convention held at the Hyatt - Regency in Flint on April 22 - 24. Dues, advertising and the Ragpicker were the basic items discussed at the meeting.

For the balance of the meeting each member gave his or her name and told how he or she became a collector. This was fun and enlightening to all. Once again it was pointed out to the beginning collector to find someone to share the hobby with, and to read all available material one can find on whatever one is collecting.

At the Central States Show on April 9 at the Hyatt-Regency in Dearborn, an informal meeting was shared with SPMC.

Our next meeting will be in Memphis, Tennessee, at the Memphis Paper Money Convention on June 18 at 2:00 PM. Steve Taylor will be our guest speaker and will present an educational program on "How to Build an Exhibit." Steve is PMCM member #1435 and hails from Dover, Delaware.

We will have a PMCM promotion table in the lobby. If you can spare an hour or two at the promotion table it will be greatly appreciated.

We need your dues if you haven't yet paid them. We need paid advertising for the Ragpicker. Invite collectors to become members. Keep our organization strong. I wish to thank Chet Clark #974 for the fine job as editor he did on the Rag Picker. Please send in more articles to give Chet something to work with each issue.

Hoping to see many of you in Memphis, I am

Sincerely,  
Al Latson

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## COMING EVENTS

June 17 - 19 Memphis Paper Money Show, annual international, Memphis, Tennessee, at Holiday Inn - Rivermont, 200 W. Georgia Ave.

October 8 A Saturday Coin & Stamp Show, Holland Coin Club, Holland Michigan Civic Center, W. 8th Street Downtown, 10 AM to 7 PM.

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A DETROIT JEWELER, John H. Morrison at George Doty's store, issued a note of private scrip for 18 and 3/4¢ in 1838, with steamboat above and below, as listed in Bowen's brown book.

THE RAISIN RIVER & LAKE ERIE RAIL ROAD BANK  
by Robert D. Hatfield (#2119)

The Raisin River & Lake Erie Rail Road Bank, and its similarly named line were the follow-up to the "LaPlaisance Bay Harbor Co." which was chartered in 1826. This harbor improvement firm was made up of Monroe County dignitaries who had enough influence with the Michigan Territorial Legislature that their company was the only harbor firm to receive Territorial appropriations.

Many of the men of the harbor company were responsible for the incorporation of the RR&LE on March 26, 1836. These included James Quincy Adams, formerly of Leene N.H., and Addison J. Comstock (a delegate to the Second Convention of Assent and a delegate to the State Convention of 1850), for whom Comstock, Michigan, is named. Mr. Adams also became the president of the RR&LE Bank.

The RR&LE Rail Road was at first a road of wooden rails on which horse-drawn and often man-powered cars traveled. The railroad, while it was just the RR&LE, never had a steam powered locomotive. The original plans to go from LaPlaisance Bay to Blissfield were never completed, and as early as March 21, 1837, the State Attorney General was already investigating the railroad for violation of its charter.

Meanwhile the RR&LE Bank was taking full advantage of Michigan's "free banking laws". It has the distinct privilege of being one of the wildest of the "wild-cat" banks. It folded sometime in 1840 after issuing notes of \$1, \$2, \$20 and other denominations. Interestingly, this bank's name was used again in 1863 to issue some even "wilder" notes.

The RR&LE Rail Road was purchased by the State in 1840 for \$32,500, and was operated by the State until the Southern Railway was sold in 1846 and renamed the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana RR (which sold out in 1852 to Lake Shore RR, which in 1914 became part of the New York Central).

Some of the better known persons involved with the Bay Harbor Company, the RR&LE Rail Road, and Bank, include:

James C. Adams (1798 - 1865)

Addison J. Comstock

Robert McClellan - Delegate to Constitutional Convention 1835, and Conventions of 1850, 1867  
Governor of Mich 1852-53, resigned to be  
Secretary of Interior under Pierce  
Regent of U. of Mich 1850-52  
Speaker of State House 1843

U. S. House 1843-44, 1845-46, 1847-48

Dr. Robert Clark - Delegate to First Convention of Assent

Wolcott Lawrence - Delegate to First Convention of Assent  
Second Legislative Council  
Third Legislative Council

Seba Murphy - Regent of U. of Mich 1837-39

Charles Noble - Delegate Third Legislative Council

Constan Luce - (1821-1903) a Lt.Col. during part of  
the Civil War. His signature appears  
as Cashier on several RR&LE Banknotes  
including the 1863 ones.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Harold L. Bowen in his "blue" book of State Bank Notes of Michigan lists 24 different notes issued by the RR&LE Bank and he pictures one of the \$20 notes. His number 23 is a \$50 note listed "no description" meaning he knew of its existence but had not seen one. His number 24 is a fractional 50¢ issue with a printed year date 1837 which he says was printed on the back of sheets of other RR&LE Banknotes.

Bowen says "many" advertisements of merchants of Philadelphia appear on these Michigan banknotes, and D. C. Wismer in his article in the Numismatist of May, 1927, lists the following 12 businesses, with addresses in Philadelphia, which have advertised on RR&LE notes:

Bristar's Saloons  
Gould & Co.  
Thomas Bradley  
Hare & Leedom  
W. G. Dare  
B. J. Cooke

Nathan Coombs' Museum  
Whitehouse's Eating House  
Johnson's Depot  
Field & Gillespie  
C. N. Kugler (icecream)  
J. Kinsey Taylor

#### MY PAPER MONEY COLLECTING by Robert Thiel (#1686)

When you could find many hard-to-find coins in circulation, I started collecting in 1935. Many of these coins were of the top grade. Starting with pennies, I added other coins thru \$1 as I was able to earn my own money.

In 1952 I started buying proof sets from the mint. Also I added foreign coin sets that I was able to purchase from mints of those countries.

Collecting coins continued until about 1969 when my interest changed to paper money. I had saved some paper before but did not try to put any type of a collection together. At this time a good friend, Chuck O'Donnell, got me started with ending number 30 of each block of the series 1969, One Dollar Federal Reserve Notes. Chuck sent me a note from each block, as available through banks, from each of the twelve districts, for \$1.25 each.

Today all coins are gone and my collection is only paper money, of the small size One and Two Dollar Federal Reserve Notes and Silver Certificates. Also I'm working on signature combinations of the large size One and Two Dollar Notes and Silver Certificates.

Each year I look forward to the International Paper Money Show in Memphis. I have attended each year since it started on June 4, 1977, and last year put together my first exhibit. I've belonged to the Paper Money Collectors of Michigan since 1974, the Society of Paper Money Collectors since 1979, and the ANA since 1980. Was employed by Eastman Kodak Company for 32 years as a cabinet maker, retiring in January 1983. Am enjoying my

retirement by traveling, spending time to develop my paper money collection more. This also gives me needed time for following trains, taking pictures, and bowling.

ANOTHER SANTA CLAUS NOTE  
by Donald M. Priest #1352

Your article on page 2 of the Jan-Mar Ragpicker, at the bottom of the page, states there are two separate notes of Maine depicting Santa Claus, \$50 note of Bucksport and \$1 note of China, Maine. That is correct. Though I am an avid Maine note collector, I have never seen either. However, there is a third Maine Santa Claus note, a \$2 Maine Bank of Brunswick, Maine, which I have in my own collection. I sure would like to have the Bucksport and China notes to go with mine. Who has either or both?

Editor's note: I do not know who might have such notes. I gathered the information from scanning an old Numismatist of January 1925, and missed the Brunswick note. All three are in D. C. Wismer's listing in that Numismatist. Can any PMCM member help Don Priest find either of the Santa Claus notes? His address is 41 Main Street, Fairfield, Maine 04937.

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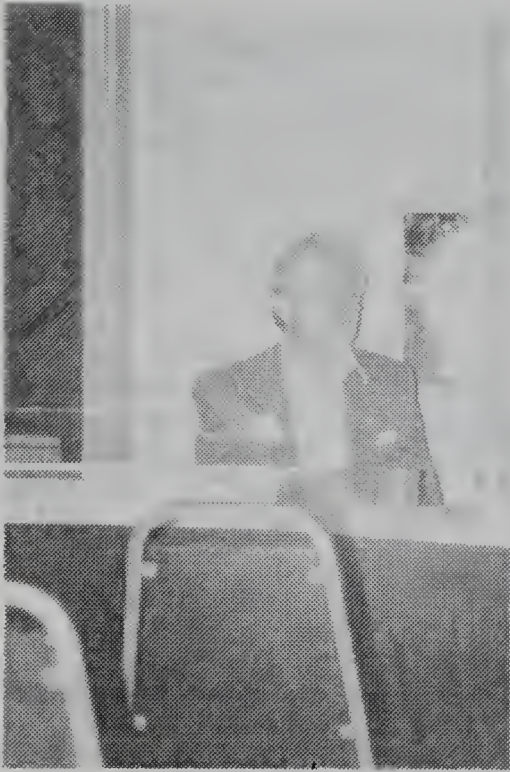
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A \$10 banknote of the Bank of West Florida, in Appalachicola, listed by Criswell as W-145, depicts at the right end a stack of ten silver dollars "fanned" out so that the dates are visible. Six are dated 1799 and four are 1800. On the left end is a portrait of George Washington.



FACES IN FLINT, APRIL 23rd



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on A. A. Grinnell



Al Latson, President,  
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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES LIBERATION  
by C. M. Nielsen (#410)

I read with more than passing interest your short article in the Jan-Mar RAGPICKER, especially since WW II currency is one of my pet areas of collecting.

You mention a pack of over \$3000 worth of Dutch guilders you carried. Would you remember what the guilders looked like? I assume it was what was later called NICA money, printed in the U.S. for use in Dutch areas which were liberated. I have reproduced some of this NICA money on the enclosed xerox. If so, would appreciate any information you can give me about it. Was this issued to American troops? If so, where? Can you remember the exchange rate to U.S. dollars?

Were you ever in the Hollandia area? In his published Memoirs, Gen. Eichelberger states that there was a lot of Jap occupation money found in what was probably the Jap finance office there, and also found a "ton" of aluminum coins. He even states that G.I.'s were selling the paper money and the aluminum coins to crewmen of Navy ships in the Harbor.

I have never been able to find any other reference to these "aluminum coins." I would assume they were regular Japanese homeland coins brought along to use as small change, but that is just a guess-----.

Editor's memo: Thank you Mr. Nielsen for your xerox copies of these notes. See the high denomination one below. Yes, this is the money we were paid in -- Dutch guilders. Dutch New Guinea is part of the Netherlands East Indies, or was. It is now part of Indonesia. Apparently the Dutch word is gulden and the English is guilders. I am not familiar with the reference "NICA" and wonder if it means "Netherlands Indies Currency Authority" or something similar. This is only a guess.

In 1943 our 41st Inf Div made landings and fought the Japs place by place up the eastern coast of British New Guinea, taking 76 consecutive days of combat to take Salamaua. We then went back to Australia for rest and reorganization; and in 1944 went again to New Guinea. We secretly bypassed 25,000 Japs at Wewak and landed at Hollandia, just over the border in Dutch New Guinea. After Hollandia and Aitape were taken our troops immediately went to Biak Island. I was not in the Hollandia landing because by now I was personnel clerk for our Medics and was back in Finschhafen with the other clerks preparing payrolls. Some six weeks after the Hollandia action our rear echelon moved out by ship and moved up the coast, anchoring at Hollandia but not going ashore. This was July 11, 1944. On July 16 we arrived at Biak and on July 19 we had a payday for the month of April. My diary also says, for July 24, "worked at night with Swift and Feddersen checking Dutch money collected." This would be money I collected for Soldiers Savings, War Bonds, and to send home for soldiers. On July 30 "I was driven around in a jeep to get the May payroll signed." Our medics were scattered among the whole regiment. On August 10 we had payday for May, and I collected \$3750 worth of Dutch guilders. So our whole division, and likely the 24th Inf Div, and many smaller units, were likely first paid with this money in July 1944.

Now, for the life of me, I cannot remember the rate of exchange of the guilder to our dollar. I have a conversion



table for Australian pounds, \$3.228 to 1 pound in June 1943, but cannot locate one for guilders.

The issue date for this Liberation series is March 2, 1943. The Schwan - Boling book says the notes were printed by the American Bank Note Company under authority of the Dutch government-in-exile, and that the forces of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Chester Nimitz carried the notes during the invasion. The notes are beautiful, in different colors, and contain pinhead-size colored dots scattered across the notes, likely to combat counterfeiting.

The coins Gen. Eichelberger wrote about are puzzling. I do know that many New Guinea shillings (British), with center hole, 4 diff dates from 1938 to 1945 (but the 1945 weren't yet minted), were found in Hollandia, given me by a buddy, and I mailed them home to different persons in August, 1944. But these were silver, not aluminum. There was a Japanese Occupation issue of coins for the Netherlands East Indies, but I've never seen these. Krause-Mishler lists a 1-sen aluminum Y-22, and a 10-sen tin alloy Y-24, and says none were issued in the Neth Indies. The Y numbers are for Neth Indies. These are valued from \$30 to \$135 each, indicating they are rare. The Schwan - Boling book, where it shows wartime coins in the back, also lists a 5-sen Y-23. These coins bear the inscription DAI NIPPON meaning Great Japan, and the only dates are 2603 and 2604, the Japanese calendar dates for 1943 - 44.

The hoard of Japanese Invasion paper money found in Hollandia was many wooden boxes of newly printed notes. In Yank Magazine was a photo of several of my Medics buddies in the midst of the crates with handfuls of the stuff. I had that clipping in my scrapbook for 36 years until I lost the scrapbooks in the robbery in 1980.



500 Guilders - xerox copy of rare note by C. M. Nielsen

A Government study, according to the January 1929 Numismatist, following the advent of the automobile, revealed that the grime and oil from the filling station attendant's hands does more than any other thing to soil notes. It was found that about every 7th time a dollar bill changed hands it was at the oil station where it became more begrimed with oil.



### SECRETARY - TREASURER'S REPORT

To give a full report of what has happened since I took office in December, there may be a repeat of some items:

145 dues thru April	\$1160.00	
Postage	1.00	
Ads in Rag Picker	55.50	
Balance from Michigan Bank (C. Fenwick)	262.58	
Interest - Rochester Savings Bank, Victor NY	10.72	\$1489.80

Michigan State Numismatic Society dues	5.00	
Robert Thiel - postage	10.00	
Haviland Printing & Graphics - Rag Picker for Jan-Mar	245.75	
Chester Clark - postage & envelopes - mailing of Rag Picker	152.62	413.37
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### GENERAL MEETING

On April 23, 1983, a meeting of the Paper Money Collectors of Michigan was held in the Hyatt - Regency Hotel, Flint, Mich. in connection with the 27th Annual Spring Convention of the Michigan State Numismatic Society hosted by the Flint Flying Eagle Coin Club.

Our president Al Latson opened the meeting with a prayer. The report of the Secretary - Treasurer was read.

Chester Clark now has the club's electric typewriter for easier typing of the Rag Picker. The typewriter will be taken for a needed checkover.

Steve Taylor will be our guest speaker at our meeting at the Memphis Show in June.

Congratulations to Dr. Wallace Lee of Pontiac MI and to Joseph Mikolajczyk of Kalamazoo MI who were the winners of the PMCM awards at the Michigan State Show.

Our program was completed with most in attendance telling how, when, where or why he or she started collecting Paper Money. In attendance - and I apologize if I have missed anyone - were Max Brail of Jackson MI, Chester Clark and Al Latson of Howell MI, Joseph Mikolajczyk and Chuck Fenwick and Mart Delger all of Kalamazoo MI, Ralph M. Hinkle of North Muskegon MI, Doug Murray of Portage MI, Dave Roper of Frankenmuth MI, P. H. (Jim) Frans, John Nammensma of Kentwood MI, Helen Sedo and her husband Edward of Dearborn MI, and Bob Thiel of Victor NY.

A Spurious Note is not a Counterfeit says Bowen's blue book.



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AMONG OUR MEMBERS

John Wilson, our Board Member in Milwaukee, and his wife Nancy, have written for another publication a super article entitled United States Postage and Fractional Currency. This story with pictures of notes of all five general issues of fractional currency is 14 pages in length. Perhaps we may use it one General Issue at a time. Your new editor overlooked this story in our first two 1983 issues among all the material received in the change of editors. The Wilsons are good friends of Past President Martin Delger, all three collect and exhibit Fractional Currency at national shows, and in recent competition there was only a fraction of a point between each of the three exhibits as each tried to win Best of Show.

Robert Jackson #1605 wrote that he "would be glad to help prepare an annual article index." He recently started going through back issues to do both a subject index and a cross reference by author's name, he thinks the last, and possibly only, index published for members covered volumes 1 through 4 and appeared in the huge 10th Anniv issue of Mar-Apr 1975. He has all issues since becoming a member half way through Vol 8, and he asks if there is any volunteer to index volumes 5 to 8? (Thanks, Robert)

Jim Ritchie of South Lyon MI, a member living comparably close to the President and Editor, has offered to help where needed. Thank you, Jim, we may call on you.

Allen R. Camacho #2073 in Conn wrote "I read the newsletter cover to cover and enjoyed it very much as usual - I feel the club and newsletter is well worth the yearly dues - keep up the good job."

Michael Bluhm, MD, FACS, our newer member in Calif asks for a second time "What is a MULE?" Likely where a reverse printing is not the correct one to go with the face - possibly a wrong plate being used by error. Who will enlighten us for sure?

Sue Ward #2110 obtained the address of an interested paper money collector from Okemos MI and sent it to the editor who in turn sent the application for membership, and a Rag Picker.

In the COIN WORLD of May 4, page 83, appears a good article and photo of PMCM. The man not identified in the photo with Delger, Latson, and Dr. Lee, is Joe Mikolajczyk.

Doug Murray LM#114 researches & is a good speaker in Star Notes.



FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES  
by R. J. Blankenship (#1389)

Friends and fellow collectors, if we are to continue collecting FRN we are going to have to watch the banks in our own districts and towns.

The Federal Reserve is sending blocks out of their districts like just happened - BF blocks showed up in North Carolina. And according to BEP they are sending Star Blocks to different districts. So be sure and check your bank, and Owl Genie, and different dispensing machines for money. These can be a good source of new money.

Well, someone went to a lot of trouble and put out a real nice paper. Looks as if we won't be seeing a lot of Star Notes as Replacement Notes. The new printing presses aren't making too many mistakes.

Let's all get behind our paper and send in an Ad. Someone out there has that note you are looking for. I hope someone has some I need. I only need 8 notes to complete my sets. It took me over 20 years to put together 00 - District End - 77-81 Ends. If health permits I'd like for everyone to see it sometime, but I'm afraid my health won't permit me to travel very much. I have a lot of material. If anyone wants something in notes contact me at my home. I'm listed in the trademates section.

For those who missed my running Ad it must have gotten lost in the mail. Anyway look for me in the next issue. It looks as if quite a few collectors are giving up due to trouble getting notes from certain districts. Districts we need some collectors in are A1 - 1A, J10. So let's see if we can sign up some collectors, OK? Take care my friends. Yours,

R. J. Blankenship  
PMCM 1389  
SPMC 5953  
CNA 381  
Cincinnati Num. Assn.

A NICE LETTER  
from Joseph J. Newman (LM #1)

Dear Chester,

I sure enjoyed your story of WW II in the Ragpicker. It brought back memories to me, although mine was not so dramatic as yours.

Several months ago I put a story in the Ragpicker about English and Australian currency, with photographs (I love photography). Possibly past officers could tell you what happened to all this material. It was during a period of editor problems.

My "war" was in the Middle East. We started for the Far East, and at that time Japan was the advantage so our Division was directed to the Middle East, and after a lot of back and forth action, victory and loss, we then got Gen. Montgomery of the 8th Army against Rommel. I forgot to mention I was in the British Army - Guards Div of 7th Div.

With the American materials of course we were victorious. There are many stories I too can tell but not of paper money and not so interesting as yours. My family and I came here to Michigan in 1950. All our children and grandchildren are natural Americans. Although I'm 70 I still work full time and enjoy life and our activities here in Michigan. My wife and I will visit our eldest son in Seattle in July. Best Wishes, Joe



A MOST UNUSUAL BUS TICKET  
by James J. Curto (#160)



Mack Avenue Loop Bus      Mack Avenue Loop Bus

SEMTA Fare Ticket

Good for one ride on the Mack Avenue Loop Bus which runs between Moross and 8 Mile in Grosse Pointe Woods

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During the Christmas Holiday Season of 1981 the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, concerned with the effect the economic depression had on both its business and private citizens, did take action in a wonderful and most unusual way. To promote business by making it easier for its citizens to shop

during the season, it sponsored a bus to run on the main street, Mack Avenue, from one end to the other of the business district and issued free tickets to its citizens to use for bus fare through the Christmas Season. The sponsorship was aided by the full cooperation of the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association. The bus was called the Mack Ave. Loop Bus and ran the entire length of the business district from Moross Road to 8 Mile Road, a distance of 2.2 miles, stopping at every block to load or unload passengers. The time of a one way run was about 15 minutes. It operated from 9 AM to 6 PM Mondays through Fridays, and from 9 AM to 10 PM on Saturdays.

Large 14" x 21" red on yellow posters were placed in the windows of all cooperating stores and businesses reading in large letters FREE BUS / TICKETS & SCHEDULES / INSIDE FOR / METER / BEATER / SPN CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS / GR. PTE. BUSINESS & PROF. ASSN. As many tickets as wanted were distributed free to its citizens at City Hall as at any participating store. The fare for using the bus without a ticket was 10 cents.

50,000 tickets were printed by the SEMTA (bus) Co. at a cost of \$100. The tickets were printed in red on yellow cardboard in strips of 10 tickets, about 15 strips to a book. The back and the front of the ticket were as illustrated above, with the Semta symbol on the back.

A contest for naming the bus, to let people know about it and as a public relations measure, was promoted by the G. P. Business & Professional Assn. While the name chosen for the bus was Meter Beater, the tickets had already been printed using the name MACK AVE. LOOP BUS.

Another unusual happening was that during the brief time the tickets were used, a volunteer Santa at times rode the bus passing out candy to the children. Unusual too was that the Santa turned out to be Adele Ryder, a Lady Santa well known for her activities with Senior Citizens groups. I feel certain that she passed out candy also to the Seniors.

I regret to add that many of the tickets not used were eventually discarded. Locating one is no easy task. Researching this story was most pleasant for me. I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to both Jerry McNamara, Grosse Pointe Woods Asst City Administrator, and Sharon Degrieck, VP of the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Assn, who really did all the work.



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		FROM	TO	
\$1	1981	A52 480 001B	A84 480 000B	32,000,000
		B35 840 001F	B70 400 000F	34,560,000
		E89 600 000C	E99 840 000C	10,240,000
		E00 000 001D	E32 000 000D	(Start of 100,000 sheet processes 32,000,000
		G47 360 001D	G76 800 000D	29,440,000
		L28 160 001D	L65 280 000D	37,120,000
\$5	1981	B55 040 001B	B64 000 000B	8,960,000
		E87 040 001A	E96 000 000A	8,960,000
		F69 120 001A	F79 360 000A	10,240,000
		G89 600 001A	G99 840 000A	10,240,000
		L07 680 001B	L17 920 000B	10,240,000
\$10	1981	A42 240 001A	A52 480 000A	10,240,000
		E46 080 001A	E56 320 000A	10,240,000
		F21 760 001A	F30 720 000A	8,960,000
		G64 000 001A	G76 800 000A	12,800,000
\$20	1981	A61 440 001A	A74 240 000A	12,800,000
		E21 760 001B	E32 000 000B	10,240,000
		F16 640 001A	F29 440 000A	12,800,000
		G47 360 001B	G66 560 000B	19,200,000
		L71 680 001B	L88 320 000B	16,640,000
\$50	1981	B26 880 001A	B35 840 000A	8,960,000
		F00 000 001A	F01 280 000A	1,280,000
		G20 480 001A	G26 880 000A	6,400,000
		L10 240 001A	L17 920 000A	7,680,000
\$100	1981	L05 120 001A	L15 360 000A	10,240,000
\$1	1981	E03 200 001*	E03 840 000*	640,000
\$5	1981	E01 280 001*	E01 920 000*	640,000
\$10	1981	G00 640 001*	G01 280 000*	640,000
\$20	1981	G02 560 001*	G03 200 000*	640,000

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Federal Reserve Notes Printed

DENOM.	SERIES	SERIAL NUMBERS		QUANTITY OF NOTES PRINTED
		FROM	TO	
\$1	1981	C03 840 001B	C37 120 000B	33,280,000
		E32 000 001D	E54 400 000D	22,400,000
		F88 320 001D	F99 840 000D	11,520,000
		F00 000 001E	F32 000 000E	(start of 100,000 sheets) 32,000,000
		H88 320 001A	H99 840 000A	11,520,000
		H00 000 001B	H16 000 000B	(start of 100,000 sheets) 16,000,000
		J79 360 001B	J99 840 000B	20,480,000
		J00 000 001C	J12 800 000C	(start of 100,000 sheets) 12,800,000
		K35 840 001C	K58 880 000C	23,040,000
		L65 280 001D	L99 840 000D	34,560,000
		L00 000 001E	L03 200 000E	(start of 100,000 sheets) 3,200,000
\$5	1981	C32 000 001A	C42 240 000A	10,240,000
		H20 480 001A	H33 280 000A	12,800,000
		J48 640 001A	J70 400 000A	21,760,000
		K38 400 001A	K57 600 000A	19,200,000
\$10	1981	A52 480 001A	A61 440 000A	8,960,000
		B65 280 001B	B90 880 000B	25,600,000
		C32 000 001A	C42 240 000A	10,240,000
		J25 600 001A	J35 840,000A	10,240,000
		K16 640 001A	K21 760 000A	5,120,000
\$20	1981	A74 240 001A	A87 040 000A	12,800,000
		B35 840,001C	B51 200 000C	15,360,000
		C30 720 001A	C43 520 000A	12,800,000
		H30 720 001A	H47 360 000A	16,640,000
		J60 160 001A	J72 960 000A	12,800,000
		K40 960 001A	K51 200,000A	10,240,000
\$50	1981	H00 000 001A	H01 280 000A	1,280,000
		J05 120 001A	J08 960 000A	3,840,000
		K03 840 001A	K10 240 000A	6,400,000
\$100	1981	H00 000 001A	H02 560 000A	2,560,000
		J00 000 001A	J07 680 000A	7,680,000
\$100	1981	K03 840 001A	K08 960 000A	5,120,000



APRIL 1983 BEP PRODUCTION - FRN

DENOM.	SERIES	SERIAL NUMBERS		QUANTITY OF NOTES PRINTED
		FROM	TO	
\$1	1981	B70 400 001F	B99 840 000F	29,440,000
		B00 000 001G	B12 800 000G	(start of 100,000 sheets) 12,800,000
		C37 120 001B	C69 120 000B	32,000,000
		E54 400 001D	E99 200 000D	44,800,000
		E00 000 001E	E03 200 000E	3,200,000
		G76 800 001D	E99 840 000D	23,040,000
		G00 000 001E	G22 400 000E	(start of 100,000 sheets) 22,400,000
		L03 200 001E	L54 400 000E	51,200,000
		L03 200 001*	L03 840 000*	(used for sheets only) 640,000
\$5	1981	E96 000 001A	E99 840 000A	3,840,000
		E00 000 001B	E10 240 000B	10,240,000
		F79 360 001A	F92 160 000A	12,800,000
		G00 000 001B	G16 640 000B	16,640,000
\$10	1981	E56 320 001A	E66 560 000A	10,240,000
		G76 800 001A	G92 160 000A	15 360,000
		L56 320 001A	L76 800 000A	20,480,000
\$20	1981	B51 200 001C	B67 840 000C	16,640,000
		E32 000 001B	E53 760 000B	21,760,000
		G66 560 001B	G88 320 000B	21,760,000
		L88 320 001B	L99 840 000B	11,520,000
		L00 000 001C	L10 240 000C	10,240,000
\$50	1981	G26 880 001A	G44 800 000A	17,920,000
\$100	1981	G08 960 001A	G20 480 000A	11,520,000



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